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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER POLICY NOV. 18-20

1. SUMMARY. THE PLENARY WAS PRECEDED ON NOV. 18 BY MEETINGS OF THE BUREAU AND AN AD-HOC GROUP ON ENERGY CONSERVATION AND CONSUMER POLICY. MAIN CONSIDERATIONS OF COMMITTEE CENTERED ON INFLATION, CONSUMER POLICY AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE ENERGY SITUATION. FOLLOW-UP WORK WILL BE COORDINATED WITH OTHER OECD COMMITTEES. AN AD-HOC WORKING PARTY IS BEING CONVENED TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE ACTION IN THE FIELD OF UNDESIRABLE MARKETING PRACTICES. ACTION REQUESTED: A) REPLY TO A QUESTIONNAIRE ON UNDESIRABLE MARKETING PRACTICES BY END OF FEBRUARY 1975; B) COMMENTS ON INFLATION AND CONSUMER POLICY BEFORE JANUARY 31, 1975.

COMMITTEE AGREED TO FOLLOWING SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

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WORKING PARTIES ON CONSUMER CREDIT, LABELLING AND SAFETY,

MARCH, 1975; CONSUMER POLICY COMMITTEE JUNE 3-4, 1975.
MRS KNAUER LED USDEL. END SUMMARY.

2. UNDESIRABLE MARKETING PRACTICES (DAV/CCS/74.43 AND 45): THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO SET UP AD HOC WORKING PARTY WHICH MEETS JUNE 2, 1975. THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES AGREED TO PARTICIPATE: AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, FRANCE, GERMANY, UK, US AND SWEDEN. GROUP WILL DECIDE ON A POSSIBLE MANDATE FOR A STANDING WORKING PARTY. COMMITTEE WILL DEFINE MANDATE ON BASIS OF SECRETARIAT REPORT WHICH, IN TURN, WILL BE BASED ON REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE (TO BE CIRCULATED) ASKING MEMBER COUNTRIES TO A) LIST SUCH PRACTICES; B) EXPLAIN WHY THEY ARE CONSIDERED IMPROPER (AS SEEN BY MEMBER COUNTRIES); C) SPECIFY THOSE SOLUTIONS THAT HAVE DEVELOPED TO CORRECT SUCH PRACTICES.

3. MISLEADING ADVERTISING: COMMITTEE NOTED REPORT BY COUNCIL OF EUROPE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION IN MEMBER STATES OF RESOLUTION (72)8 ON MISLEADING ADVERTISING. THE CE REP REPORTED ON CE'S PRESENT AND FUTURE WORK IN FIELD OF CONSUMER PROTECTION, CONSUMER INFORMATION, LEGAL PROTECTION, LIABILITY OF PRODUCERS, AND AGREEMENT IN PUBLIC HEALTH FIELD (PRODUCT SAFETY).

4. INFLATION AND CONSUMER POLICY (DAF/CCP/74.44): DURING DISCUSSION MEMBERS STRESSED THAT WHILE CONSUMERS ARE OFTEN NOT PRICE CONSCIOUS, THERE IS LITTLE THEY CAN DO AGAINST INFLATION. ADDITIONALLY, CONSUMERS SHARE SOME OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR INFLATIONARY PRESSURES BY THEIR PRECAUTIONARY BUYING BEHAVIOUR (HOARDING). IT WAS DECIDED TO RECONSIDER SUBJECT AT NEXT MEETING. MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE INVITED TO VOLUNTEER COMMENTS AND PRACTICAL AMERDMENTS TO THE SECRETARIAT'S INTERIM REPORT BY JANUARY 31, 1975. A REVISED REPORT COULD THEN BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL ASKING IT TO

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REFER THE REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE.

5. IMPLICATION OF THE ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS SITUATION FOR CONSUMER POLICY (DAF/CCP/74.46)C AN AD HOC GROUP MET NOV 16 TO CONSIDER SECRETARIAT PAPER ON ENERGY CONSERVATION AND CONSUMER POLICY. FOLLOWING THIS EXAMINATION, PAPER WAS SUBMITTED TO PLENARY. COMMITTEE DECIDED TO ESTABLISH REGULAR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON MEMBER COUNTRIES' EXPERIENCES RE ENERGY CONSERVATION BY PRIVATE CONSUMERS. IT ALSO AGREED TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE GUIDELINES REQUESTING AN "ENERGY LABEL FOR DOMESTIC APPLIANCES". WP-2 WAS INVITED TO EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY IN ORDER TO PROMOTE MORE RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY BY CONSUMERS WHILE ENSURING THAT LABELLING DOES NOT RESTRAIN INTERNATIONAL TRADE NOR DISTORT COMPETITION.

6. SAFETY OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS: IN ORAL PROGRESS REPORT, ON BEHALF OF WP-3 CHAIRMAN, SECRETARIAT STATED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT WP DEVOTED ITS LAST MEETING TO PRELIMINARY REPORT ON TOY SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. WP ALSO CONSIDERED PROBLEM OF SAFETY REGULATIONS GOVERNING TEXTILE INFLAMMABILITY AND IS EXAMINING EXISTING REGULATIONS AND ACCIDENT STATISTICS FOR FURTHER POSSIBLE ACTION. DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR COSMETICS AND HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS CONTROL WILL BE CONSIDERED BY WP AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

7. LABELLING OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS: COMMITTEE TOOK NOTE OF A REPORT BY WP-2 CHAIRMAN. THE WP INTENDS TO PREPARE A SINGLE REPORT WHICH WILL INCLUDE WORK UNDER-

TAKEN ON: UNIT PRICING, DECEPTIVE PACKAGING, AND
STANDARDIZATION OF PACKAGING FOR PREPACKAGED PRODUCTS.
IT IS ALSO ENVISAGED THAT THE WP WILL EXAMINE POSSIBLE
DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR WARNING LABELS FOR
HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS.
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